

Internship: Lead a project focused on wastewater loading reduction and energy efficiency.

Company: Albert Lea Select Foods, Albert Lea, MN

The Minnesota Technical Assistance Program (MnTAP) is seeking a junior or senior college student to lead a project focused on wastewater loading reduction and energy efficiency with Albert Lea Select Foods. The intern will work with MnTAP and Albert Lea Select Foods staff to reduce wastewater loading associated with the meat processing production lines. The student will also complete a basic lighting audit and explore the waste energy associated with process generated heat. The intern will quantify these opportunities and develop suggestions to reduce waste and conserve energy as well as outline plans for implementation.

JOB DUTIES:

As part of this project, you will be asked to complete the following tasks:

1. Identify and quantify brine marinade solution losses and its impact on wastewater loading.
2. Identify and quantify the impact of purge on wastewater loading.
3. Develop solutions to reduce the amount brine and purge discharged as wastewater.
4. Complete a lighting audit, suggest energy efficient LED alternative lighting, and identify rebate opportunities.
5. Complete a heat audit, and estimate the impact of heat sources on the required energy to keep the facility refrigerated.
6. Make recommendations for specific improvements based on research and testing that will result in wastewater loading reduction and energy efficiency.
7. Estimate waste and energy reduction potential from implementation of provided recommendations, then prioritize suggested changes using simple payback methods for financial justification.
8. As appropriate, initiate implementation of approved process changes or develop plans for future implementation.
9. Summarize findings in a detailed report, including recommended procedures and vendor proposals along with an economic analysis and justification of changes.
10. Present findings to the company and at MnTAP-hosted public presentation events.

As an intern, you will work at the company and report back to MnTAP. The position is full time, 40 hours per week, for three months to start after the conclusion of spring semester or quarter. Pay is \$15/hour, with a lump sum stipend of \$1,000 upon completion of the project deliverables: a final report and presentations. Cumulatively, this equates to \$17.00/hour when averaged over the project. Candidates must pass a background check.

QUALIFICATIONS:

- Cumulative GPA of at least 3.0
- Good oral & written communication skills
- A technical academic background
- Troubleshooting skills
- Self-motivated
- Excel and other software skills
- Appropriate majors: *Engineering, environmental or physical sciences and others as applicable*

TO APPLY:

Apply online at:

www.mntap.umn.edu/intern/student_apply.htm

Remember to submit your application form, cover letter, resume, and unofficial transcript.

Applications can be addressed to:

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